# StatsUpdate

**Topic:** **Residential Construction Investment**
Fourth Quarter, 2015
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**Background:** Nunavut investment in residential construction was **$12.0 million** in the fourth quarter of 2015, a decrease of **5.9%** from the fourth quarter of 2014.

By comparison, residential construction investment in Canada rose by **2.4%** over the same period.

**Details:**

**Residential Construction Investment**

| | Fourth Quarter 2015 | Fourth Quarter 2014 | Fourth Quarter 2015 Compared to Fourth Quarter 2014 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | $ millions | | % change |
| **Nunavut** | **12.0** | **12.7** | **-5.9** |
| **Canada** | **29,743.6** | **29,056.7** | **2.4** |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 314.3 | 370.4 | -15.2 |
| Prince Edward Island | 61.5 | 93.2 | -34.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 508.8 | 580.2 | -12.3 |
| New Brunswick | 367.8 | 419.5 | -12.3 |
| Quebec | 5,133.8 | 5,147.6 | -0.3 |
| Ontario | 12,550.4 | 10,951.0 | 14.6 |
| Manitoba | 773.9 | 918.6 | -15.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 853.2 | 1,158.7 | -26.4 |
| Alberta | 4,422.6 | 4,910.8 | -9.9 |
| British Columbia | 4,667.6 | 4,426.2 | 5.5 |
| Yukon | 36.8 | 37.0 | -0.4 |
| Northwest Territories | 41.0 | 30.8 | 33.2 |

**Note to Readers:**
Residential construction investment is divided into three components: 1) New Housing Construction - includes single and semi-detached dwellings, row housing and apartments, cottages, mobile homes and additional housing units created from non-residential buildings or other types of residential structures (conversions); 2) Investment (Renovations) - includes alterations and improvements in existing dwellings and; 3) Acquisition Costs - refers to the value of services relating to the sale of new dwellings (i.e., sales tax, land development and service charges, record processing fees for mortgage insurance and associated premiums).

Percentage change figures for Nunavut are a reflection of the relatively small volumes of residential construction. If they continued to decrease over a number of reporting periods and/or remain at a lower level, that would be a more reliable indication of the decreased economic activity illustrated in the 2015 fourth quarter figures.

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